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REMINISCENCES OF GEO. MASON.
[From the Richmond State Journal.]

We published a few days ago a letter of this distinguished statesman of Virginia, written while he was a member of the House of National Delegates, in 1787, and design to give other letters of his of more or less historic interest to our readers. We give below such historic reminiscences of the "Father of Virginia," as we have been able to glean from the several sources of information at our command.

Mr. Mason's ancestor, whose name he bore, was a member of Parliament in the reign of Charles the First, and though, like Hyde and Falkland, intent upon effecting important amendments in the existing system, did not seek an overthrow of the monarchy, and on the appeal to arms adhered to the King. He organized a military corps, and in several engagements crossed swords with the troops of Cromwell, and emptied his holsters with his warlike saints. From 1651, when George Mason, the eldest, flying from the field of Worcester, arrived in Hampton Roads, to the period of the Revolution, the Masons had exerted, either in the House of Burgesses, or at home, great influence in the colony.

After landing at Norfolk in 1651, he immediately removed to Accohick creek, and was soon after followed by his family. Here he established a plantation, on which he resided for life and is there buried. In 1676, the year of Bacon's Rebellion, he commanded a force against the Indians, and represented the same year the county of Stafford in the House of Burgesses. Stafford was carved out of Westmoreland the year before, and was named by Colonel Mason in honor of his native county of Staffordshire, England. His eldest son, also called George Mason, married Mary, daughter of Gerard Fowke, esq., of Gunston Hall, in Staffordshire, England. The eldest son by his marriage also bore the name, and with his father lived and was buried on the paternal estate at Accohick. Their wills were recorded in Stafford county court in 1710 and 1715 respectively.

George Mason, the fourth in descent, and eldest son of George the last named, married a daughter of Stevens Thomson, of Middle Temple, Attorney General of the Colony of Virginia in the time of Queen Anne. He established a plantation at Doeg's Neck on the Potomac, on land which he inherited, then in Stafford, now in Fairfax county, and was the Lieutenant and Chief Commander of the county of Stafford in 1719. He was drowned by the accidental upsetting of his sail boat in the Potomac, and his body having been recovered was committed to the grave at Doeg's Neck. He left three children, two sons and a daughter. Of these sons, one was George Mason of the Virginia Convention, and the other Thomas Mason, hardly less celebrated than his brother, who settled in London, and was frequently a member of the House of Burgesses, an eminent member of the bar, and a warm friend of this country. Thomas Mason was a martyr to the gout, and it was one of the earliest recollections of old Governor Tazewell to have seen him borne into the court while suffering from that disease. His son Stephens Thompson Mason was a member of the Virginia Federal Convention, and was a Senator of the United States, and had a son, Armistead Thompson Mason, who was also a member of the Senate of the United States from Virginia.

The George Mason of the text, the fifth of the name, was born at the plantation of Doeg's Neck, which he inherited in 1726, married Ann Elbeck, of Charles county, Maryland, and built the new mansion on the high banks of the Potomac, near the river, which he called Gunston Hall, in honor of the seat of his maternal ancestry in England. Here he lived, and here on the 7th of October, 1792, in the 66th year of his age, he died and was buried. (Jefferson, in his personal memoirs, says that a plain marble slab marks his grave, and has engraved on it his name and the date of his death. But this must have been a mere supposition. His estate at Doeg's Neck, afterwards Gunston Hall, consisted of seven thousand acres, and lies on the Potomac, next below Mount Vernon. This venerable patriot left five sons and four daughters. Of the sons, George, the eldest, was a captain in the Virginia line of the Revolution, and inherited Gunston Hall, where he lived and was buried, leaving descendants. His fourth son was General John Mason of Annapolis Island, who survived all his brothers, and died at his estate at Clermont, in Fairfax county, in March, 1859, in the 83d year of his age. The Hon. James Murray Mason, who was the third of the name and race that filled a seat in the U. S. Senate, was a son of this John Mason. All the sons of George Mason left descendants.

Hugh Blair Grigsby, in his discourse delivered before the societies of William and Mary Colleges, and published in 1855, says, that when the right was first asserted by the English Parliament to tax the Colonies, "in all cases whatsoever," George Mason wrote a tract with the modest title of "Extracts from the Virginia Charters with some Remarks upon them," which was regarded as an unanswerable exposition of colonial rights under the charters, and which proved a rich mine of authority in the controversy then raging between the King and his colonies.

George Mason was the author of the Bill of Rights of Virginia, the original draft of which, in his handwriting, is now preserved in the State Library. He also reported the design of the present seal of the House.

Grigsby says of him that he was the Michael Angelo who laid the foundation and prescribed the proportions of the new government, while Thomas Jefferson was the Raphael who imparted to it its peculiar grace and effect.

George Mason opposed the adoption of the Constitution of the United States in the Virginia convention, believed with Patrick Henry that it would tend to the conversion of the government into a monarchy, and his opposition contributed largely to the first ten amendments to that instrument.

In 1775, the Convention of Virginia desired to elect him delegate to Congress. The acceptance of the office was urged upon him in the warmest manner by Jefferson, Patrick Henry, and other leading members, and by the president of the convention, Peyton Randolph, who went while Mason was making his speech of dedication. The cause of his refusal to serve was the recent death of his wife, leaving a large family of children.

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BUTTON MOULDS and CABLE CORD, all sizes, just received at FERGUSON'S HAIR DEPOT. dec 6

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—AT—
GREEN'S NOTION HOUSE.

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Merchants in or out of our city will find it greatly to their advantage to purchase from this stock, as prices will be much less than New York regular rates.

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The new shades of Blue, in Cashmere, French Merino, Empress Cloth, Alpaca, Persian Cloth, &c. Also the same goods in Green, Lead Color, Sage, Dahlia, Ashes of Roses, Brown and all the new colors, at No. 62 King street. dec 4

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